

Report

OF THE

122nd. YEAR'S WORK

OF THE

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND

EYE HOSPITAL

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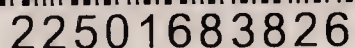
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Patients should attend as near to 9-0 a.m. as possible. Registration of new patients ceases at 10-15 a.m.

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(at date of publication).

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For 1946-47.

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ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY COMMITTEE
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MR. F. M. HAUGHTON, A.C.A., F.H.A.

Report of the Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, held in the Board Room, Church Street, on Thursday, 9th May, 1946.

The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE LORD MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM (Alderman A. S. Giles, O.B.E., M.C., J.P.) in the Chair.

IT WAS RESOLVED :

1.—That the Reports of the General and Medical Committees, as now presented, and Statements of Account, be received, approved and printed, and that the same be distributed to the Governors and in such manner as the Committee may deem expedient.

2.—That the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. S. Giles, O.B.E., M.C., J.P.) be and is hereby elected President of this Hospital, and that the following be, and they are hereby, elected Vice-Presidents of this Hospital for the ensuing year :

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, M.A., J.P.

The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Cobham, K.C.B., C.B., T.D.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dudley, M.C.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Iliffe, C.B.E.

Mr. F. W. Rushbrooke, J.P.

3.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Trustees and Committee of Management for their kind attention to the interests of the Charity, and that the Gentlemen whose names follow do form the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number :

Mr. P. J. Adie.

Mr. D. Byrne.

Mr. J. B. Challen.

Mr. W. C. C. Gell.

Mr. E. A. Greey.

Mr. C. V. Hancock.

Mr. G. Haynes, J.P.

Mr. J. F. C. Keep.

Mr. N. G. Lancaster.

Mr. A. J. Morrison.

Mr. F. W. Nash.

Mr. Percy Nichols.

Mr. E. Pacey.

Mr. M. H. Rollason.

The Very Revd. J. H. Richards

(The Provost of Birmingham).

Mr. E. A. Milliken Smith.

Mr. S. A. Tippetts.

Mr. H. W. Weedon.

One Representative of the Hospital Saturday Committee
(Mr. Joseph Lilly).

One Representative of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Three Honorary Surgeons elected by the Medical Board :

Mr. Chas. Rudd, Mr. R. D. Weeden Butler, Mr. L. P.
Jameson Evans.

4.—That Mr. W. C. C. Gell be, and hereby is elected, Chairman
of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year.

That Mr. E. A. Milliken Smith be, and hereby is elected,
Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Management for
the ensuing year.

That Mr. N. G. Lancaster be, and hereby is elected,
Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5.—That the thanks of the Subscribers are due and are hereby
presented to the Consulting Physicians and Surgeons, and the
Honorary Surgeons, for their valuable services to this Institution ;
also the retiring Chairman of the Committee, the Vice-Chairman
and the Treasurer, for their kind attention to the interests of
the Charity.

A. S. GILES,
President.

The President having vacated the Chair, it was RESOLVED
unanimously :

That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Lord
Mayor of Birmingham for his kindness in taking the Chair, and
for his attention to the business of the day.

W. C. C. GELL,
Chairman.

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1945.

For the convenience of our friends and subscribers a summary is set out below of the principal matters which have concerned the Committees during the year under review. Page references are given to the full report, where further information may be obtained.

IN-PATIENT ACCOMMODATION (p. 22)

Average number of beds available increased from 85.48 to 141. Considerable increase in the number of admissions.

OUT-PATIENT AND CASUALTY ATTENDANCES (p. 22)

Another slight reduction, particularly in casualties.

EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENT (p. 17)

Difficulty in securing a building licence prevented progress during 1945. Licence obtained in April, 1946.

REPORT OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH SURVEYORS, WEST MIDLANDS AREA (p. 18)

Management Committee adopt as future policy the recommendation to transfer In-patient Department to Hospitals Centre and retain Out-patient and Casualty Departments in town.

TRAINING OF THE STUDENT NURSE

Affiliation granted with Birmingham General Hospital (p. 18). Our student nurses permitted to attend Birmingham Accident Hospital Preliminary Training School (p. 19).

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (p. 19)

Threatened confiscation of assets and loss of independence under Government Bill. Hope that wiser counsels will prevail.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (p. 20)

Death of Mr. J. C. Hudson, Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. George J. Edwards.

The **elections** to the Committee during the year have been :

Mr. C. V. Hancock

Mr. Dennis Byrne

Mr. A. J. Morrison

and an additional representative of the Medical Board.

FINANCE (pp. 11-16)

Ordinary Income has increased by £5,937 to £33,683 and

Ordinary Expenditure has increased by £2,740 to £34,283.

Deficit : £600.

BED ENDOWMENT (p. 16)

Mr. Geoffrey Wilkinson has endowed a bed in memory of his father, Colonel Howard Wilkinson.

*The Hospital would be
glad to receive gifts of
old cataract glasses
which could be loaned
to our cataract patients
to give them some benefit
from their operation
until their own glasses
are available*



Report of the Committee of Management

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

THE Committee of Management have pleasure in submitting to the Governors and Subscribers the 122ND Annual Report of the Hospital, together with the Report of the Medical Board and the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST December, 1945.

The year under review has been notable for the great increase in the work of the In-patient Department, rendered possible by the fact that the number of beds available rose from 85 to 141, with a corresponding increase in the number of admissions, which totalled 2,215.

There was a reduction in the attendances of out-patients and casualties, though these attendances are still much greater than in pre-war years.

Statistical details regarding the admission of in-patients and the attendances of out-patients and casualties will be found in the Medical Report.

Finance

INCOME

The total Ordinary Income for the year amounted to £33,683—an increase of £5,937 over the corresponding figure for 1944.

The increases and decreases of the major sources of income are summarized below :

	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
	£	£
Voluntary Gifts	492	—
Receipts on account of Services rendered	4465	—
Fees	—	129
Investment Income	380	—
Ministry of Health	729	—
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	£6066	£129

It has been very gratifying to note during the year how the income from **Voluntary Gifts** has been maintained. These voluntary gifts comprise annual subscriptions, donations and the grant from the Hospital Sunday Fund, and the income from each of these sources has increased. Many additional annual subscribers have entered into seven-year deeds of covenant, and with income tax at its present figure the benefit to the Hospital has been a very real one.

During the latter part of 1944 the Committee appealed to those industrial firms sending large numbers of casualty cases to the Hospital to make a grant in recognition of the treatment extended to their employees. Many of these grants were not received until 1945, and in consequence the donations show the substantial increase of £374. Our very grateful thanks are due to those firms which responded so generously to our appeal, and it is anticipated that in many cases these grants may become annual.

Set out below is a statement of the larger donations received during the year :

	£	s.	d.
Birmingham Hospitals Council (Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932)	595	0	0
Baron Davenport's Charity Trust	170	0	0
Birmingham Hospitals Council (Thanksgiving for Peace Fund)	125	0	0
John Avins Trust	100	0	0
I.C.I. Metals, Ltd.	100	0	0
Joseph Lucas, Ltd., Charitable Fund	100	0	0
John Edward Lewis Memorial Fund	100	0	0
A. J. Morrison, Esq.	100	0	0
Trustees, Sir John Sumner's Trust	100	0	0
Birmingham Local Charities Committee	60	0	0
L. H. Newton and Co., Ltd.	52	10	0
E. A. Greey, Esq.	50	0	0
Aeroplane and Motor Aluminium Castings, Ltd.	40	0	0
Muntz Trust	40	0	0
County Borough of Smethwick (Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932)	40	0	0
F. W. Woolworth, Ltd.	30	0	0
C. Kunzle, Ltd., Benevolent Committee	26	5	0

	£	s.	d.
W. T. Avery, Ltd.	25	0	0
No. 2 Hospital Committee, Eighty-five Factory	25	0	0
Holinsworth Fund of Help	25	0	0
Linread, Ltd.	25	0	0
F. W. Rushbrooke, Esq., J.P.	25	0	0
Trustees, Brinsley Bequest	25	0	0
Wilmot Breedon, Ltd.	25	0	0
Birmingham and District Mineral Water Association	21	0	0
Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd.	21	0	0
Ten Acres and Stirchley Co-operative Society Employees' Voluntary Hospital Fund	19	10	0
E. White, Esq.	15	16	0
Henry Hope and Sons, Ltd.....	15	0	0
Midland Electrical Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ..	15	0	0
Employees, J. Hudson and Co.	12	10	0
Captain Oliver Bird	10	10	0
Employees B.S.A. Tools, Ltd., Special Appeals Fund	10	10	0
Hughes-Johnson Stampings, Ltd.	10	10	0
E. Hinchcliffe, Esq.	10	10	0
" Knights of the Round Table "	10	10	0
Bellis and Morcom, Ltd.	10	0	0
Birmingham Post Office Telephones : Fines Fund	10	0	0
Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, M.A., J.P.....	10	0	0
Farcroft, 17th Annual " Victory " Floodlight Bowling Tournament	10	0	0
Iron Trades Employers' Insurance Association..	10	0	0
Lord Mayor's Benevolent Fund	10	0	0
Thomson, McLintock, and Co.	10	0	0

A considerable number of smaller contributions was received for which the Committee tender their most sincere thanks. It is impossible to acknowledge these donations individually in this report, as the restrictions on the use of paper preclude the publication of the full list of donors.

Once again it is our pleasure to acknowledge our indebtedness to the organisers of the **Hospital Sunday Fund Collections**. The grant made for 1945 was the substantial one of £339 0s. 0d., being an increase of £12 over that made in 1944.

Receipts on account of services rendered include the income from the Birmingham Hospitals Contributory Association and from other contributory schemes.

It was apparent during the war years that the financial position of the Hospital was seriously affected by the reduction in the number of in-patient beds, as the contributory schemes pay on the basis of the work carried out for their contributors, and the reduction in in-patient work was naturally followed by a corresponding reduction in income from this source. Now that the Hospital has almost the pre-war number of beds available, the income has benefited substantially thereby.

The Committee are pleased to report that the long negotiations with the Birmingham Hospitals Contributory Scheme on the question of increased contribution have reached a satisfactory settlement during the year. From the 1st July, 1945, the contributors to the scheme have increased their contribution from 3d. to 4d. per week, and on their part the hospitals have agreed that no inquiries as to means will be made in the case of "members who are compulsorily insured under the existing provisions of the National Health Insurance Acts or those whose annual income does not exceed £420."

With the reduction in employment consequent upon the cessation of hostilities, the increase in income which could legitimately have been anticipated from the new rate has fallen short of expectations. It is pleasing to report, however, that the Hospital may expect more from this source than it has had in previous years, and, of course, unless the increased rate had come into force, there would have been a considerable reduction.

The **fees** referred to in the summary are for the training of Orthoptic students and vary according to the number of students receiving training at the Hospital in any given year.

Investment income includes interest, dividends, etc., and rents. The Hospital was able, during the year, to assist the General Hospital by making available to the night nurses of that hospital accommodation in our Nurses' Home. The General Hospital have paid an agreed amount for this privilege, which is included in the figure for rents.

Ministry of Health : The receipts under this heading are for treatment extended to E.M.S. patients during the year. The amount varies with the number of such patients who have received treatment.

EXPENDITURE

The total **Ordinary Expenditure** for the year amounted to £34,283—an increase of £2,740 over the expenditure for the previous year.

The opening of the Main Hospital for in-patients increased the average number of in-patients under treatment daily from 77.68 in 1944 to 119.17 in 1945. The treatment of these patients has called for a much larger nursing, domestic and portering staff.

The summary of Expenditure, set out below, shows that the increases are where one would expect to find them from the enlargement of the In-patient Department, namely, in Provisions, Surgery and Dispensary and Salaries and Wages. Other items of expenditure are affected to a very small degree.

PRINCIPAL VARIATIONS

Increases :		£	s.	d.
Provisions		2049	0	0
Surgery and Dispensary		201	0	0
Domestic		611	0	0
Salaries		2365	0	0
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		5226	0	0
Less Decreases :		£	s.	d.
Maintenance of patients at				
Blackwell Convalescent Home	1542	0	0	
Establishment Charges	891	0	0	
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		2433	0	0
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		£2793	0	0

It should be noted that the accounts for 1944 included payment to the Blackwell Convalescent Home of £1,542 for the maintenance of our patients. There is no corresponding item in 1945, as the beds reserved for our use were closed down in September, 1944, when beds were re-opened at the Main Hospital.

As a result of the year's working a deficit of £600 2s. 11d. has been incurred, compared with a deficiency of £3,797 3s. 5d. in 1944, showing an improvement of £3,197 0s. 6d.

LEGACIES.

The Committee desire to acknowledge with very grateful thanks the receipt of the following legacies :

	£	s.	d.
Exors. of Frank Robert Davenport	500	0	0
„ A. W. Keep	500	0	0
„ Alice Davis	500	0	0
„ W. Jewkes	468	7	10
„ Josiah F. Eborall	230	0	0
„ Clara Fowler Trust (part)	80	0	0
„ Emily Jones : Refund of Income Tax	60	13	3
„ Agnes Elizabeth Bendall	50	0	0
„ Charles Durden	50	0	0
„ Baron Robert Walker : Refund of Income Tax	33	10	2
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The income from this source is considerably smaller than the figure of £6,734 8s. 8d. reported last year. The Committee wish to report, therefore, that in addition to this cash income, a further distribution has been made under the estate of the late Mrs. Clara Fowler, and in satisfaction thereof the Hospital has accepted a Sutton Coldfield 3½ per cent. Mortgage of the value of £1,500.

ENDOWMENTS.

Mr. Geoffrey Wilkinson, who was for many years closely identified with the work of the Hospital on its various Committees and as Chairman of the Management Committee in 1931 and 1932, intimated that he desired to perpetuate the memory of his father, Colonel Howard Wilkinson, by the endowment of a bed and he has very kindly paid over to the Hospital the sum of £1,000 to permit this to be done.

EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENT.

It was stated in the Annual Report for 1944 that the Development Sub-Committee were considering the best means of providing additional in-patient accommodation, a new and enlarged Orthoptic Department, and an Ophthalmic Research unit, by adapting existing buildings. Attention was also to be given to improving the conditions for patients attending the Out-patient Department and to enlarging the Hospital kitchen and improving the equipment of the ward kitchens and patients' day-rooms.

During 1945 many meetings of the Development Sub-Committee were held and its recommendations were accepted by the Committee of Management. Application for the necessary licence was then made to the Ministry of Works.

Your Committee were much concerned to discover that there was little probability of carrying out more than a very small part of this scheme of development for some time to come. After lengthy negotiations with the Ministry of Health, whose support was sought, it has only been possible to obtain priority for a small portion of the aforesaid scheme.

Tenders have been received and it is anticipated that during 1946 the Main Hospital kitchen will be extended and re-equipped. the Nurses' Dining-room will be re-decorated and additional changing room and lavatory facilities for the nurses will be provided. In addition, the Orthoptic Department will be transferred from a ward which it is at present occupying on the top floor of the Main Hospital building to a new position in the former Nurses' Home, where a much larger and specially designed Department will be established. By removing the Orthoptic Department to its new position a ward and day-room will be freed and twelve additional beds will be provided for in-patients.

Should the labour position in the building trade improve there is still a possibility that permission will be granted for the conversion of the upper floors of the former Nurses' Home into a Research Department.

REPORT OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH SURVEYORS— WEST MIDLANDS AREA.

This report, which has been awaited with much interest, was published in October, 1945, and gave a short description of every hospital, voluntary and municipal, in the area. In addition, and where considered necessary, the surveyors made recommendations.

The recommendation with reference to this Hospital was as follows :

“ This Hospital is on a built-up site in the business part of the town and should move its In-patient Department further out, preferably towards the Hospitals Centre. The Out-patient Department, with an improved Casualty Department, would remain in town.”

The Management Committee have given careful consideration to this proposal and, fully supported by the Medical Board, have resolved that it shall represent the future policy of the Hospital.

As a first step towards carrying out this resolution, the Town Clerk and the Birmingham Hospitals Council have been informed of our desire that a site be reserved at the Hospital Centre for an In-patient Department of from 200-250 beds, with additional space available to permit of the provision of a supplementary out-patient clinic if deemed desirable.

It is the wish of the Committee that everything possible should be done to achieve even closer affiliation with the Medical School, and it is considered that the proposals outlined above will be a valuable step in that direction.

TRAINING OF THE STUDENT NURSE.

Affiliation.—In 1944 the Committee were pleased to report that this Hospital had been approved for affiliated training, and that arrangements had been made with the Walsall General Hospital to accept a certain number of nurses under the scheme. In order to make the benefit of affiliation available to a greater number of our student nurses a similar arrangement has been made with the Birmingham General Hospital and approved by the General Nursing Council on 25th January, 1946.

Preliminary Training School.—It is a recommendation of the General Nursing Council that hospitals should provide a short period of preliminary training for their student nurses before they commence their nursing duties. In order to render such facilities available to our students approach was made to the Birmingham Accident Hospital in order to ascertain whether our nurses could be permitted to attend the preliminary training school which had been established there.

Permission was granted readily and the first attendances were made in October. The arrangement has worked most satisfactorily and we should like to express our sincere thanks to the Committee of the Birmingham Accident Hospital for their ready co-operation.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE.

When the Annual Report for 1944 was issued there was a spirit of optimism as to the part which Voluntary Hospitals would be called upon to perform in the National Health Service, under discussion at the time.

A few weeks ago the Labour Government issued their proposals for a National Health Service. By these proposals the Voluntary Hospitals would become State Hospitals and, with the exception of the teaching hospitals, which would retain a limited freedom, would lose completely their assets and independence.

In the minds of those who view hospitals with the patients' welfare as the first consideration, the proposals of the National Health Service Bill are harsh.

This Hospital was founded by voluntary effort 123 years ago, and voluntary effort has raised it from a very small beginning to its present position as the largest Ophthalmic Hospital in the Midlands and the third largest in the country. It is in a strong financial position and has, during a period of years, built up a fund for extension purposes which now exceeds £60,000.

It has pioneered many advances in ophthalmic medicine and surgery and is conducting research work of importance. There appears to be no case for expropriating the assets of the Hospital and dispensing with the great benefits it obtains from large numbers of voluntary workers and voluntary donors.

A system which would have placed the Voluntary Hospitals in friendly competition with the State Hospitals would have brought the best results. The possibility now is of a system of bureaucratic control, which will repress the initiative and result in mediocrity. The Committee hope that wiser counsels will yet prevail.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

It is with sincere regret that we have to report the loss we have sustained through the deaths of Mr. J. C. Hudson and Mr. G. J. Edwards.

Mr. Hudson joined the Committee in 1937 and was elected to the House Committee in 1939. Later he became Honorary Treasurer, which office he held until he died. His fortitude during a long and painful illness was extraordinary, and he maintained his interest in the affairs of the Hospital to the end.

Mr. Edwards was elected to the Committee in 1937 and later joined the House Committee. His guidance on the many difficult matters which arose during the war was of particular value and he took a special interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the staff.

Opportunity has been taken to strengthen the Committee of Management during the year by the election of new members. The following gentlemen were elected and have been serving on the Committee :

Mr. C. V. Hancock

Mr. Dennis Byrne

Mr. A. J. Morrison

and an additional representative of the Medical Board.

We are confident, from the great interest shown by these new members since their election, that their help and advice will be invaluable in the future.

RETIREMENT OF MR. A. J. WELCH SMITH.

Many patients of the Hospital will hear with regret of the retirement of Mr. A. J. Welch Smith, who had been Enquiry Officer since 1929. His cheerful personality and his helpful

attitude to all who came to seek his assistance have caused him to be regarded as a friend by large numbers who have been visiting the Out-patient Department over long periods. The Committee are pleased to say that he has gone into well-earned retirement in the South of England.

GENERAL.

The Committee, in conclusion, wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the considerable amount of voluntary assistance they have received during the year, of which they are deeply appreciative.

Sister Alton has attended regularly to render invaluable service in the Dispensary ; Miss Dunn acted as relief telephone operator for over six months ; and members of the Hospital Car Service have been most helpful in arranging the transport of patients between the Hospital and Burcot Grange.

We should like to take this opportunity of extending our thanks to Mr. Alan Priestley, who has so kindly made available to the staff tickets for the concerts sponsored by him at the Town Hall.

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the valued services of the Honorary Medical and Surgical staff, both in the care of the patients and in the conduct of the affairs of the Hospital and gladly takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks to the House Governor (Mr. F. M. Haughton), the Matron (Miss C. M. McDonald) and to all the members of the Nursing, Domestic and Administrative staffs for their efforts to maintain the highest standard of efficiency.

E. A. MILLIKEN SMITH,

Chairman.

Annual Medical Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

The Medical Board have pleasure in presenting their Report on the work of the Hospital for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

IN-PATIENT DÉPARTMENT.

During practically the whole of 1945, 109 beds have been available at the Main Hospital and thirty-two at the Treatment Annexe at Burcot Grange.

The Medical Board are pleased to report that at the end of the year the waiting list had been reduced to 175. A considerable proportion of this list is composed of female cataract cases and, in order to increase the accommodation for such cases as quickly as possible, it has been decided that the adult beds at Burcot Grange shall revert to female use. It is hoped by this means to bring relief very shortly to many aged people who are at present condemned to almost total blindness.

The admissions of in-patients totalled 2,215, being a considerable increase over those of 1944, which numbered 1,798. The comparison is more favourable than the above figures disclose, as the admissions in 1944 included 113 patients transferred to the E.M.S. beds reserved for our use at Leamington, where they were not under the direct care of our medical and nursing staffs.

OUT-PATIENT AND CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS.

The decline in the number of attendances has continued, though the numbers in 1945 remain higher than those of the immediate pre-war years.

The work of these departments rose to a peak in 1942 and 1943, due to the great increase in the number of employed, to the effect of working by artificial light during blackout restrictions, and to the casualties caused by the use of unskilled labour. In the early months of 1945 the output of munitions was slackening, to be followed shortly after VE day by a gradual change over to the production of goods for civilian use, so that

for a time there was a measure of unemployment in the city. In consequence, it was to be expected that the attendances would fall, as has proved to be the case.

The details are set out below, with corresponding figures for 1944 :

	1945	1944
<i>New Cases :</i>		
Consultative	31,343	32,091
Casualties	20,077	23,227
<i>Old Cases</i>	74,802	83,069
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	126,222	138,387
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By arrangement with the Association of Industrial Medical Officers we have continued to provide training in ophthalmic casualty work to nurses from the large industrial establishments of the city and from the Birmingham Accident Hospital. It is confidently anticipated that by reason of this training, which has been highly appreciated by those attending, the standard of first aid ophthalmic treatment in the city will be much improved, and that serious eye injuries will be recognized without delay and referred for expert attention.

OPERATIONS.

The statistics for the year, together with comparative figures, are set out below :

	1945	1944
Operations performed in the In-patient Department	1,715	1,306
Operations performed in the Out-patient Department	2,282	2,290
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	3,997	3,596
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including :

For the extraction of cataract.....	437	365
For the rectification of squint.....	425	253
For glaucoma	275	285

The figures given above are evidence of the considerable increase in major ophthalmic surgery which has been rendered possible by the re-opening of the Main Hospital for in-patients.

The ring magnet and the Haab giant magnet were used for the extraction of foreign bodies from the interior of the eye in seventy-four cases, with forty-two positive and thirty-two negative results.

SPECTACLE PRESCRIPTIONS.

During the year 12,750 pairs of spectacles were prescribed, the corresponding figure in 1944 being 13,341.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.

The Medical Board report with regret that the work of this department, which was established last year, has been seriously affected by the lack of suitable accommodation. The alterations proposed in the former Nurses' Home adjoining the Main Hospital included extensive Bio-chemical and Bacteriological Laboratories for the Research Department, together with beds for patients admitted for investigation. Unfortunately, on making application for the necessary building licence, the Ministry of Health have replied that though these alterations are desirable, they are not essential at the present time and can only be given a low priority.

Every effort will be made to obtain a more favourable decision, as there is much valuable research work required at the present time, particularly on industrial problems.

MEDICAL STAFF.

The Medical Board were very pleased to welcome back Mr. R. D. Weeden Butler from military service in May, 1945. Mr. Weeden Butler was called up on the outbreak of war and served continuously, both at home and overseas, for over five years. His return has helped in no small degree to overcome the serious congestion in the Out-patient Department on Wednesday and Saturday mornings and to deal with the heavy waiting list at the commencement of the year.

The continued absence of Mr. R. H. Hucknall on military service is much regretted, as his assistance is greatly needed at the Hospital. It is hoped that he will return to duty about the middle of 1946.

The Board were also glad to learn of the return of Mr. F. A. R. Stammers, Consulting General Surgeon, Dr. B. C. Tate, Honorary Dermatologist, and of Dr. T. Clyde McKenzie, Physico-Therapist to the Hospital and Panel Doctor to the Nursing and Domestic Staffs. Sincere thanks are expressed to Dr. T. Astley Cooper, who has deputized for Dr. McKenzie as Panel Doctor to the staff during his absence.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

The arrangements for the treatment of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum existing between the Hospital and the Public Health Departments of Birmingham and the surrounding counties and county boroughs have worked very smoothly throughout the year.

The Medical Board desire to tender their sincere thanks to Dr. H. P. Newsholme, the Medical Officer of Health, to Dr. Matthew Burn, the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, and to their assistants, for their ready co-operation in dealing with cases of difficulty.

The Externe Nursing Department has continued to demonstrate its value during the year and the staff of this department has made 4,520 visits to the homes of patients who were, for various reasons, unable to attend the Out-patient Clinics at the Hospital. No fewer than 2,363 of these visits were for the treatment of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum.

PENICILLIN.

Penicillin has become available to the Hospital during the year and has been of material benefit in the treatment of many difficult cases.

BIRMINGHAM EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL.

Cordial thanks are expressed to the Honorary Staff of the above Hospital for their ready assistance in the treatment of cases referred to them from this Hospital, pending the appointment of an Honorary Rhinologist.

REPORTS OF ANCILLARY DEPARTMENTS.

The reports of the Dental, Orthoptic, Pathological and X-ray Departments are appended.

The members of the Honorary Medical Staff wish to take this opportunity of thanking sincerely the Officers-in-charge of these various departments for the help and advice they have so freely given during the year.

RICHARD MIDDLEMORE LECTURE.

The 57th Richard Middlemore lecture was delivered on the 5th October, 1945, by Mr. F. A. Anderson, his subject being : "Some Observations on Medical Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Therapeutics."

Arrangements are being made for the publication of this lecture in accordance with the conditions of the Trust.

PUBLICATIONS BY THE HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.

The following publications have been issued by members of the Honorary Staff since the last Medical Report :

"Treatment of Corneal Ulcer," by Mr. P. JAMESON EVANS, published in *The British Encyclopædia of Medical Practice*, 1945.

"Glaucoma Operations," by Mr. R. D. WEEDEN BUTLER, published in the *Transactions of the British Ophthalmological Society* (Cumulative Supplement).

GENERAL.

In conclusion, the Medical Board desire to acknowledge the valued services of their Honorary Secretary (Mr. F. M. Haughton), the Matron (Miss C. M. McDonald) and all members of the Nursing and Administrative Staffs.

CHARLES RUDD,
Chairman of the Medical Board.

Reports of Special Departments

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

During the year ended 31st December, 1945, the work of the Department was as under :

New Patients	186
Patients referred for radiographs	48
Number of teeth extracted :	
Under Nitrous Oxide anæsthetic	1393
Under local anæsthetic	87
	————— 1480
Minor operations	15
Special investigations	Nil

The Department is working very smoothly and Mr. C. H. Oakes (stipendiary) is a very real asset to the staff.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Williams for anæsthetics, Mr. Meggeson for radiographs, and to the other departments and nursing staff for assistance.

H. T. ROPER-HALL,
A. H. ADCOCK,
Dental Surgeons.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

During the year ended 31st December, 1945, the number of patients referred to the Department was 1,024, and the analysis of the examinations is as follows :

Skulls for sinuses	578
Foreign bodies	246
Foreign bodies, bone free	31
Foreign bodies, localized by Dr. Sweet's method	56
	————— 333
Dental Department radiographs	91
Miscellaneous	22
	—————
Total ..	1024

HAROLD BLACK,
Radiologist.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The particulars of work done in the Pathological Department for the year ended 31st December, 1945, are as under :

(1)	Sections of eyes : (a) Macroscopic	124
	(b) Microscopic	112
	Sections of tissues and growths	36
(2)	Blood examinations :	
	(a) Wassermann and/or Flocculation Tests....	670
	(b) Blood counts	160
(3)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases (smears and cultures from each case)	757
(4)	Cultures of eyes (operation cases)	1819
(5)	Miscellaneous :	
	Smears and cultures from conjunctiva	477
	Smears and cultures from nose, throat, etc....	68
	Vaccines	68
	Urines	24
	Specimens taken for other examinations (complement fixation tests, sputa, etc.)	154
(6)	Intravenous injections of N.A.B.....	124
TOTAL		4593

E. W. ASSINDER,

Pathologist.

ORTHOPTIC DEPARTMENT.

During the year ended 31st December, 1945, the work of the Department was as follows :

	1945	1944
Total number of attendances (including 231 attendances at Evening Clinics)....	20,529	21,668
New cases accepted for treatment.....	476	523
Cases treated during the year	1,346	1,595

Cases discharged :	1945	1944
Cured with operation	18	
Cured without operation	152	
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	170	
Cosmetically straight.	122	
Symptomatically cured.	15	
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	307	341

It will be seen from the above figures that although there has been a slight reduction in the number of attendances the Department has continued to be extremely busy throughout the year. The proportion of cases discharged cured to cases under treatment compares closely with the figures for the previous year.

During 1945 no applications for orthoptic training were received, but we are pleased to report that during the early part of 1946 applications for training have been numerous, and there is every possibility that it will be necessary to place some restriction on the intake of students.

The British Orthoptic Board have under consideration the possibility of extending the course of training to two years.

In October Miss B. Dolan was appointed full-time Officer-in-charge of the Orthoptic Department at the Worcester Eye Hospital, and resigned.

In August Miss B. Baylis Ash obtained a part-time post as Officer-in-charge of the Orthoptic Department at the Kidderminster and District General Hospital, continuing on the staff of this Hospital as part-time assistant. She succeeded Miss R. Hartland at Kidderminster, who was also working part-time at this Hospital, but relinquished these posts for domestic reasons.

Congratulations are extended to these members of the staff on their promotion.

A fully-trained staff of ten was employed during the year, of which four were working part-time.

Statistical Tables.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.

Statistics for the Year to 31st December, 1945, compared with those of the previous year

I.—IN-PATIENTS.

A.—Number of Beds and In-patients.

	Numbers in 1945 (year under review).	Numbers in previous year
Number of Beds normally available	146	146
Average number of available Beds during the year	141	85.48
Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	119.17	77.68
Number of Patients in the Hospital at beginning of the year	84	48
Number of Patients admitted during the year	2215	1534
Number of Patients in the Hospital at the end of the year	91	84
Average number of days each Patient was resident	19.49	18.98
Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the year, who were resident for (i) only 1 day	18	16
(ii) 2 and 3 days	63	46

E.M.S. Patients (not included in above Statistics) :

Admitted to Leamington	113
Admitted to Blackwell	151

B.—Annual Expenditure on In-patients apart from that on Out-patients ; Average Cost of each In-patient per week ; and Average Cost of each In-patient.

	1945 Expenditure on In-patients (pounds only)	Average cost of each In-patient per week.		Average total cost of each In-patient.		Previous Year.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Provisions: Including Board of Officials	4,614	0	14 10	2	1 8	0	12 8
Surgery and Dispensary	584	0	1 11	0	5 3	0	2 6
Domestic	3,309	0	10 8	1	10 0	0	13 4
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ...	9,926	1	11 11	4	9 11	1	16 1
Miscellaneous	774	0	2 6	0	7 0	0	3 10
War Damage Insurance	Nil	—	—	—	—	0	0 3
Garden	300	0	0 11	0	2 9	0	1 1
Administration	672	0	2 2	0	6 1	0	2 7
Establishment, Renewals and Repairs.	198	0	0 7	0	1 9	0	5 0
Finance	1,003	0	3 3	0	9 1	0	5 0
Blackwell Convalescent Home	Nil	—	—	—	—	0	7 7
						1	0 8

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1945.

(Incorporating Burcot Grange.)

1944 Accounts, incorporating Burcot Grange.				INCOME.				1944 Accounts, incorporating Burcot Grange.				EXPENDITURE.			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
ORDINARY.								ORDINARY.							
(1) Voluntary Gifts.								Provisions							
(a) Subscriptions, Donations, etc.:								Surgery and Dispensary.							
Annual Subscriptions				1,948 18 2				Drugs, Chemicals and Disinfectants ..				707 14 4			
1,843	3	11						Dressings, Bandages, etc.....				406 10 1			
2,203	9	2		2,576 15 3				Instruments and Appliances				482 9 9			
(b) Central Funds:								Sundries				90 16 5			
Hospital Sunday Fund.....				351 14 11											
338	13	6		4,877 8 4								1,687 10 7			
(2) Receipts on Account of Services rendered to Patients.								Domestic.							
(a) From Birmingham Hospitals								Renewals and Repairs of Furniture, Bedding, Hardware, etc.				504 14 3			
Contributory Association.....£13,935 0 0								Laundry				709 5 6			
10,657	0	0						Cleaning and Chandlery				202 5 5			
Other Contributory Schemes				2,586 16 6				Water				280 1 3			
1,593	4	0		16,521 16 6				Fuel and Lighting.....				2,254 2 5			
(b) From Patients:								Uniforms.....				109 12 2			
Donations, Treatment and Maintenance Charges.....				1,252 13 6				Sundries				50 14 8			
1,613	3	8										4,110 15 8			
1,319	17	11		1,973 12 3				Salaries and Wages.							
1,667	12	2		1,656 3 10				Medical				2,714 15 4			
6	6	0						Dispensing				623 11 6			
3,871	8	5		3,789 8 8				Nursing				6,828 12 11			
(c) From Public Authorities								Mechanics and Porters				1,651 14 10			
(d) From Industrial Clinics								Domestic Servants				2,459 8 8			
(e) From other sources				25,193 14 9				Other Officers and Employees.....				4,426 5 5			
								Pensions				322 7 6			
(3) Fees, Orthoptic Students, Nurses, etc.				21 0 0				Miscellaneous.							
150	9	0						Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.				774 4 7			
(4) Invested Property.								Advertisements				30 11 7			
Interests, Dividends, etc.....				1,626 13 9				Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc.....				315 10 0			
1,577	3	3		686 0 5				Sundries				127 5 10			
355	11	8		2,312 14 2								1,247 12 0			
(5) Ministry of Health.								War Damage Insurance							
On account of E.M.S.				1,278 8 9				Garden (Burcot).....				309 4 5			
106	16	6						Administration.							
442	4	9						Salaries				1,048 0 0			
Grant toward Rushcliffe Rates of Salaries for Nurses				1,278 8 9				Printing and Stationery				85 15 0			
								Auditors' Fee.....				30 0 0			
Total Ordinary Income				33,683 6 0				Sundries				100 12 2			
27,746	3	11										1,264 7 2			
Extraordinary Income.								Establishment.							
Accommodation for Services Club								Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant				173 3 3			
982	5	2						Annual Cleaning				100 0 0			
Balance, being deficit for the year, transferred to General Funds Account.....				600 2 11								273 3 3			
3,797	3	5						Finance.							
								Appeals				10 1 10			
								Rent				785 2 1			
								Rates				422 5 10			
												1,217 9 9			
								Blackwell Convalescent Home (Maintenance of Patients)							
								Total Ordinary Expenditure				34,283 8 11			
								Extraordinary Expenditure.							
								Transfer to Research Fund							
								Total Expenditure				£34,283 8 11			

Income and Expenditure Account

**combining the Main Hospital,
Blackwell, and Burcot Grange,**

for the year ended 31st December, 1945,

**with comparable figures
for the previous year.**

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.

Statistics for the Year to 31st December, 1945, compared with those of the previous year.

II.—OUT-PATIENTS.

A.—Numbers.

	Numbers in 1945. (Year under review.)	Numbers in Previous year
Total Number of new Out-patients.....	51,420	55,318
Total number of Out-patient Attendances	126,222	138,387
(a) Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year	Not ascertainable.	
(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above	20,077	23,227

B.—Annual Expenditure on Out-patients and Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance and of each Out-patient.

	1945 (Year under review).		Previous Year.	
	Expenditure on Out-patients (pounds only).	Average cost of each Out-patient Attendance. Pence.	Average total cost of each Out-patient. Pence.	Average Total cost of each Out-patient. Pence.
Provisions	£ 542	1.03	2.52	2.26
Surgery and Dispensary	1104	2.10	5.15	4.23
Domestic	801	1.52	3.74	3.41
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ..	9101	17.3	42.48	40.52
Miscellaneous	473	.9	2.21	2.38
War Damage Insurance	Nil	—	—	.02
Garden	9	.02	.04	.15
Administration	593	1.13	2.77	2.81
Establishment, Renewals, and Repairs	75	.14	.35	.64
Finance	215	.41	1.01	1.17
Total Cost	£12,913	24.55	60.27	57.59

BALANCE SHEET,

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On General Account—						
Cash due to Bankers. <i>Per Contra</i>	5,364	6	6			
Sundry Creditors and Reserves ..	4,115	0	0			
Provision for Deferred Repairs and Renewals	2,300	0	0			
General Funds Account	28,040	15	10			
				39,820	2	4
On Endowment and other Accounts—						
Buildings Reserve Fund	60,709	9	4			
Bed and other Endowments.....	18,289	6	0			
Insurance Reserve Fund	3,427	12	2			
Research Fund	4,200	6	2			
				86,626	13	8

Examined with the Books and
Vouchers, and found to be in accord-
ance therewith.

HARRISON, WEST, LEDSAM & CO.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.
BIRMINGHAM, 19th March, 1946.

F. M. HAUGHTON,
House Governor.

£126,446 16 0

GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT FOR THE

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, December 31st, 1944	24,668	7	6
., Legacies received during the year.....	3,972	11	3

£28,640 18 9

31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

ASSETS.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On General Account—								
Cash in hands of House Governor			70	18	7			
Cash at Bankers :								
On Deposit	£	s.	d.					
Account	11,221	0	7					
<i>Less Current Accounts</i>								
Overdrawn ..	16,585	7	1					
<i>Per Contra</i>	5,364	6	6					
Deposit Account, Repairs and								
Renewals	2,300	0	0					
Sundry Debtors	3,189	14	4					
General Funds Investments Account	34,259	9	5					
						39,820	2	4
On Endowment and other Accounts—								
Buildings Reserve Fund Invest-								
ment Account	60,709	9	4					
Bed and other Endowment Funds								
Investment Account	18,289	6	0					
Insurance Reserve Fund Invest-								
ment Account	3,427	12	2					
Research Fund Investment Account	4,200	6	2					
						86,626	13	8
						£126,446	16	0

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1945

	£	s.	d.
By Ordinary Income and Expenditure Account			
Balance, being deficit for the year 1945, as			
per Account	600	2	11
„ Balance at 31st December, 1945, carried			
forward	28,040	15	10
	£28,640	18	9

BUILDINGS RESERVE FUND

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1944	58,017	3	5

Add—

Income from Buildings Reserve

Fund Investments.....	2,104	12	4
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Transfer from A.R.P. Expenditure

Reserve	344	13	2
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Appreciation on Sale of Investments	243	0	5
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	2,692	5	11
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£60,709	9	4
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31st DECEMBER, 1945.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Investments at cost—			
£4,586 London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co. 4 per cent Preference Stock.....	3,496	6	9
£5,442 17s. 0d. 4 per cent Consolidated Stock..	4,769	11	9
£3,708 3s. 9d. Birmingham Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1948-1968).....	3,606	10	0
£2,000 Bristol Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1962).....	2,047	14	0
£2,000 Hull Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1972).....	2,025	4	0
£2,000 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Ltd., 4½ per cent Debenture Stock (1961-1991).....	1,995	2	6
£2,000 Gateshead Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1962).....	2,047	14	0
£2,000 West Bromwich Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1955-1965).....	2,027	14	0
£4,250 2½ per cent Consolidated Stock	3,808	0	2
£1,500 Walsall Corporation 3¼ per cent Redeemable Stock (1954-1964).....	1,505	16	6
£4,500 Central Electricity Board 3¼ per cent Stock (1974-1994).....	4,416	17	9
£3,000 Walsall Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable Stock (1957).....	2,990	6	6
£3,000 Birmingham Corporation 3 per cent Stock (1956-1958).....	2,982	9	3
£200 3½ per cent New Zealand Government Stock (1960-1964).....	200	0	0
£3,097 4s. 7d. 3 per cent Conversion Loan....	3,210	17	2
£2,500 Liverpool Corporation 3 per cent Stock (1955-1958).....	2,428	6	6
£2,500 Coventry Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable Stock (1956-1958).....	2,422	1	6
£3,350 10s. 3d. 3 per cent Savings Bonds (1960-1970) .. .	3,350	10	3
£7,500 Australia 3 per cent Stock (1944-1946)	7,423	2	0
	56,754	4	7
Cash on deposit at Barclays Bank Ltd.	3,610	11	7
Add—			
Amount due from Current Account in respect of transfer of A.R.P. Expenditure Reserve.....	344	13	2
	3,955	4	9
	£60,709	9	4

BED AND OTHER ENDOWMENT FUNDS,

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Richard Coleman Bed	1,250	0	0
William Edward Johnson Bed.....	1,200	0	0
Walter Wilkinson Ward	1,200	0	0
William Ross Bed	1,980	14	9
William Hutton Ticket Fund	225	0	0
Edwin Sampson Moore Bed.....	1,200	0	0
T. Bernard Hall Fund	100	0	0
Samuel Palmer Cooper Fund	508	17	0
Martha Izod Cot.....	685	13	8
Dunlop Benevolent Fund Beds	2,017	6	6
"The Bunnie Cot," Burcot Grange	600	0	0
Christmas Festivities Fund	105	0	0
Tompson Bed	1,105	4	8
Rushbrooke Bed	1,000	0	0
John Jameson Evans Bed	814	9	9
S. C. Harrison Bed	638	0	10
The "Out-patients' " Bed	618	17	1
Walter Edward and Charlotte Maria Edwards' Beds.....	2,040	1	9
Howard Wilkinson Bed	1,000	0	0

£18,289 6 0

31st DECEMBER, 1945

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Richard Coleman Bed : £1,321 3½ per cent War			
Stock at cost	1,250	0	0
William Edward Johnson Bed : £1,916 13s. 7d.			
Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost	1,200	0	0
Walter Wilkinson Ward : £1,595 16s. 0d. 3½ per			
cent Conversion Stock at cost	1,200	0	0
William Ross Bed : £1,730 15s. 4d.			
3½ per cent War Stock at cost....	1,713	9	0
Cash on Deposit at Barclays Bank	267	5	9
	1,980	14	9
William Hutton Ticket Fund : £262 1s. 2d. 3½ per			
cent War Stock at cost	225	0	0
Edwin Sampson Moore Bed : £1,200 3 per cent			
Savings Bonds at cost	1,200	0	0
T. Bernard Hall Endowment : £127 11s. 0d. 3½ per			
cent Conversion Stock at cost	100	0	0
Samuel Palmer Cooper Endowment : £508 17s. 0d.			
3 per cent Australia Loan, 1958/60			
at cost	498	13	6
Cash in Hand	10	3	6
	508	17	0
Martha Izod Cot : £727 11s. 6d. Local Loans 3 per			
cent Stock at cost	685	13	8
Dunlop Benevolent Fund Beds :			
£1,062 6s. 0d. 3½ per cent Birming-			
ham Corporation Stock at cost	1,000	0	0
£36 8s. 4d. Birmingham Corporation			
Water Annuity at cost	1,017	6	6
	2,017	6	6
" The Bunnie Cot " (Burcot Grange), £617 5s. 0d.			
Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost	600	0	0
Christmas Festivities Fund : £100 18s. 5d. 3½ per			
cent War Stock at cost	105	0	0
Tompson Bed : £922 4s. 2d. Leeds			
Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable			
Stock (1955-1958) at cost	895	15	10
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	209	8	10
	1,105	4	8
Rushbrooke Bed (Burcot Grange) : £1,062 6s. 0d.			
3½ per cent Birmingham Corporation Stock at cost	1,000	0	0
John Jameson Evans Bed :			
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	814	9	9
S. C. Harrison Bed :			
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	638	0	10
The " Out-patients " Bed :			
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	618	17	1
Walter Edward and Charlotte Maria Edwards'			
Bed, £1,970 17s. 3d. 3½ per cent War Stock			
at cost	2,040	1	9
Howard Wilkinson Bed, £1,040. 3 per cent Local			
Loan Stock at cost	1,000	0	0
	£18,289	6	0

GENERAL FUNDS.

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

To Investments :	£	s.	d.
£2,335 6s. 10d. 4 per cent Consolidated Stock	2,000	0	0
£2,500 4 per cent Funding Loan	1,693	15	0
£600 Metropolitan Water Board " B " Stock	303	0	0
£1,010 Metropolitan Water Board " D " Stock	907	10	0
£1,000 Birmingham Corporation 3½ per cent Stock	575	0	0
£41 15s. 11d. Birmingham Corporation Gas Annuity	700	1	7
£400 G.W.R. 5 per cent Consolidated Preference Stock	298	0	0
£500 G.W.R. 4 per cent Debenture Stock	337	10	0
£500 L.M.S. Railway 4 per cent Preference Stock	304	0	0
£784 South Staffordshire Waterworks Co. Ordinary Stock, Class "A"	497	16	10
£951 South Staffordshire Waterworks Co. Ordinary Stock, Class " B "	603	17	8
£1,000 Commonwealth of Australia 3¾ per cent Stock (1948-53)	973	17	0
£800 Local Loans 3 per cent Stock	699	2	0
Five £100 4 per cent Debentures in the City Arcades (Birmingham), Ltd.	348	15	0
£13,234 6s. 0d. 3 per cent Conversion Stock	10,132	10	11
£2,221 3s. 9d. 3½ per cent War Stock	2,354	13	5
£29 7s. 8d. 3 per cent Savings Bonds	30	0	0
£1,500 Sutton Coldfield 3½ per cent Loan	1,500	0	0
£10,000 3 per cent Savings Bonds (1965-75)	10,000	0	0
	£34,259	9	5

The Hospital owns the following properties which have not been valued :

Freehold Ground Rents in Liverpool Street, Birmingham.

Leasehold Premises and Equipment of the Hospital, expiring 25th March, 1996.

Leasehold Premises and Equipment of the Nurses' Home, Ludgate Hill, expiring 25th March, 2035.

Freehold Residence, " Burcot Grange," Blackwell.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 31st December, 1944.....	3,319	3	10
Additions during year	108	8	4

£3,427 12 2

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£390 11s. 7d. 3 per cent Conversion Stock at cost	383	6	7			
£100 Birmingham Corporation 4½ per cent Stock at cost	103	3	6			
£3, 44 10s. 2d. Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost.....	2,791	18	8			
				3,278	8	9
Cash at Bank, 31st December, 1945....				149	3	5
				£3,427	12	2

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RESEARCH FUND, 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward 31st December, 1944				2,697	17	8
Dividends and Grants received	162	3	2			
Extraordinary Income: Amount received for accommodation of Services Club	1361	5	4			
				1523	8	6
Less Charges for the year	21	0	0			
				1,502	8	6
				£4,200	6	2

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£1,600 Guaranteed 3 per cent Stock at cost	1,481	18	3			
Cash at Bank, 31st December, 1945	2,547	3	11			
Add.— Due from Current Account in respect of transfer from General Funds	100	0	0			
				2647	3	11
Sundry Debtors: Birmingham Services Club				71	4	0
				£4,200	6	2

RICHARD MIDDLEMORE TRUST.
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945

Income Account.				
RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.		
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hand brought forward	19 1 5	Mr. F. A. Anderson		
Dividends	32 7 2	for Lecture	21 0 0	
		Expenses for Lecture..	5 0 0	
				26 0 0
		Cash in hand carried		
		forward to next year .		25 8 7
	£51 8 7			£51 8 7

Principal Account.
INVESTMENT OF BEQUEST OF £1,000.
 London, Midland and Scottish Railway £809 4 per cent. Preference Stock at cost £999 1 6